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Mr. Nicolay for Field Committee reported a trip for following Sunday open to all who desired to go out.

Mr. Davis called attention to the retirement of Mr. John D. Evans, Trenton, Ont., now 81 years old.

Mr. Lutz, in the absence on account of illness of the announced speakers, read extracts from his forthcoming paper in reference to some apparently selective characters and the facts brought out by his studies of ultra-violet rays.

ENTOMOLOGY IN THE DIARY OF SAMUEL PEPYS

In "Passages From the Diary of Samuel Pepys," a volume of The Modern Library published by Boni and Liveright, New York, one finds the following references to insects:

- 1664, July 18. "To Westminster to my barber's, to have my Periwigg he lately made me cleansed of its nits, which vexed me cruelly that he should put such a thing into my hands."
- 1664, September 3. "I have had a bad night's rest to-night, not sleeping well, as my wife observed, and once or twice she did wake me, and I thought myself to be mightily bit with fleas, and in the morning she chid her mayds for not looking the fleas a-days. But, when I rose, I found that it is only the change of the weather from hot to cold, which, as I was two winters ago, do stop my pores, and so my blood tingles and itches all day all over my body, and so continued to-day all the day long just as I was then."

1669, January 23. "So to my wife's chamber, and there supped, and got her cut my hair and look my shirt, for I have itched mightily these 6 or 7 days, and when all comes to all she finds that I am lousy, having found in my head and body about twenty lice, little and great, which I wonder at, being more than I have had I believe these 20 years. I did think I might have got them from the little boy but they did presently look him, and found none. So how they come I know not, but presently did shift myself, and so shall be rid of them, and cut my hair close to my head, and so with much content to bed."

Ed.